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REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN OR MAY BE CONCERNED

Terrorism and human rights

Note by the secretariat

1. In its resolution 1999/26 of 26 August 1999, the Sub-Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, having considered the preliminary report prepared by the Special Rapporteur on terrorism and human rights (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1999/27), requested the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all the assistance necessary for the preparation of her progress report, in particular, by providing for visits to Geneva, New York, and the United Nations Centre for Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention in Vienna, in order to hold consultations with the competent services and bodies of the United Nations system, to complement her essential research and to collect all the needed and up-to-date information and data.

2. In its resolution, the Sub-Commission also requested the Secretary-General to transmit the preliminary report of the Special Rapporteur to Governments, specialized agencies and concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with the request that they submit to the Special Rapporteur as soon as possible comments, information and data relating to the study on terrorism and human rights.

3. At its fifty-sixth session, in its resolution 2000/30, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to continue to collect information, including a compilation of studies and publications, on the implications of terrorism, as well as the effects of the fight against terrorism, on the full enjoyment of human rights from all relevant sources, including Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions and to make it available to the concerned special rapporteurs, including the Special Rapporteur on human rights and terrorism of the Sub-Commission, and working groups of the Commission on Human Rights for their consideration. The Commission also endorsed the Sub-Commission's request to the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all the assistance necessary in order to hold consultations with the competent services and bodies of the United Nations system to complement her essential research and to collect all the needed and up-to-date information and data for the preparation of her progress report.

4. In view of the fact that it has not been possible to collect the comments, information and data referred to above in the time available for the preparation of documents for the fifty-second session, the Special Rapporteur proposes to submit her progress report on terrorism and human rights to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-third session.